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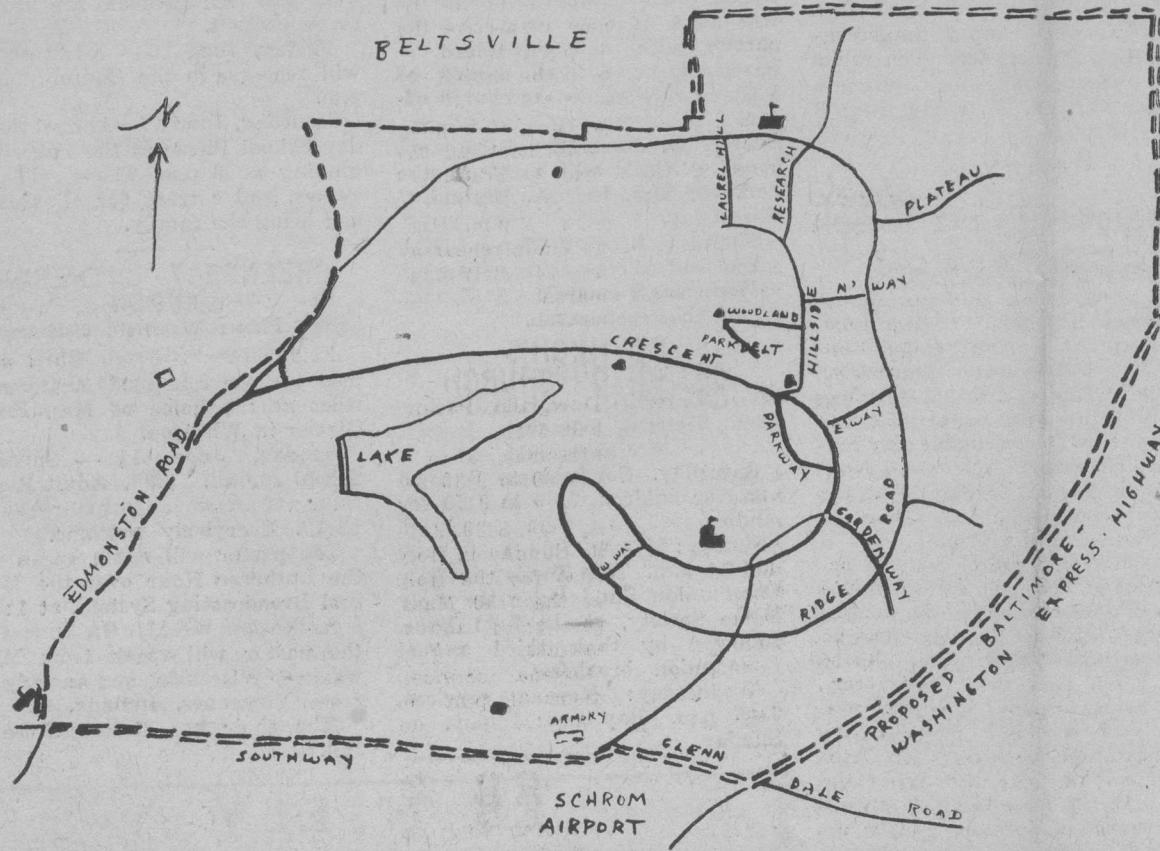
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GREENBELT FOR SALE



First Defense Homes Built In City In 1941

The historical addition of the first "defense" type houses in Greenbelt was announced in the February 14, 1941 *Cooperator*. The project was one of the four largest assignments of the entire national allotment, purposing to ease the wartime housing shortage. In a September 5, 1941, story bylined by Sally Meredith, the defense homes nearing completion were described as being in "marked contrast to original Greenbelt units . . . One such contrast is the cost of construction. The original 885 units cost \$4,795,000 or approximately \$5400 each to construct, while those now under construction average only \$3545 per unit. However, a careful study of the entire labor costs indicates that quite a bit was expended on the original construction because of the relief and rehabilitation aspects of the program over and above the costs which would normally be incurred for labor. The original building program provided work relief to unemployed workers residing in the Baltimore-Washington region."

The December 19, 1941 *Cooperator* announced that a land lease was secured by the Homeowners Co-op for a land lease from Farm Security Administration. The document "deed the Co-op for 99 years 15 acres north of Parkbelt for home building. The individual lots will be leased to home builders at about \$14 a year.

The North End public school was announced as a real possibility in the January 30, 1942 *Cooperator*. The Federal Works Agency had authorized an appropriation of \$450,000 for the modern school of 16 rooms and a combination gymnasium and auditorium.

Home mail delivery began July 1, 1942.

You an Indian Too?

Do you want to be an Indian this summer? Then join the summer reading club at the library and win those feathers for a headband! Boys and girls from the third to the sixth grade are eligible. For particulars, ask the librarians.

Future For Sale

Fifteen years ago, in October 1935, when ground was first broken to build the Garden City of Greenbelt, a triple purpose was in the minds of the planners in what was then the Resettlement Administration:

1. To give useful work to men on unemployment relief.
2. To provide low-rent housing in healthful surroundings, both physical and social, for low-income families.
3. To demonstrate in practice the soundness of planning and operating towns according to certain garden city principals.

The first objective was met immediately with the employment of large groups of construction workers. The second was also met immediately, but as the years passed and incomes grew, the "low-income families" phrase has held less meaning, so that ever fewer and fewer residents have been within the income range for which graded rents are provided. With ownership changing from federal to private, graded rents will cease altogether.

The third objective, however, is one to which Greenbelt will always remain a monument—if its original nature is not too drastically altered after it leaves public ownership. There is already the sharp contrast between the original project and the 1000 homes that were erected under the Lanham Act. Where in the older section neat hedges and shady trees provide an eye-appealing frame for attractive homes with individuality, the barracks-like war homes, though trim and of good functional design, are placed in a barren, treeless, hedgeless plain. Differences of topography, however, can be overcome. Trees and hedges can be planted, lawns seeded, playgrounds built, and even sidewalks and other safety facilities provided by residents who want them enough to do something to obtain them.

Potential dangers that could not be overcome would be get-rich-quick schemes, including poorly-built tenements jammed together to provide future slums, badly-designed commercial facilities, or neglect of the measures originally planned to insure the safety and beauty of Greenbelt.

It will take ceaseless vigilance by the residents to keep Greenbelt the safe and beautiful place it is—the city that still prompts the publication, in such far away places as the University of Liverpool, of articles extolling Greenbelt's virtues.

It has been difficult, but possible, to run our own affairs while under the paternal hand of PHA. The chance to own and operate our city presents a challenging opportunity. Will we throw it away in pointless, bitter arguments revolving around personalities? Or will we all give our best efforts toward achieving our mutual goals?

We agree with the great majority of Greenbelters, who have joined together in the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation, that democratic ownership of the city offers the most practical method of attaining our goals.

We do not believe that even GVHC offers an easy road to their attainment. It is a difficult job we set for ourselves, and many people are going to have to continue to give great amounts of their time and energy if the obvious problems are to be met successfully.

We still have faith, however, that there are people in Greenbelt with the willingness and ability necessary to allow Greenbelt to accept the challenge and take advantage of the opportunity.

They'll be paid, too—in the currency of success.

PHA Wants \$8,522,350 For Property From Qualifying Resident Group

By Sally Meredith

Eight and a half million dollars will buy Greenbelt, Public Housing Administration said in today's official announcement of terms and prices for the city's sale. The property for sale, as shown in the accompanying map, includes all of the housing units, the commercial facilities, and that part of the undeveloped land not otherwise earmarked. (Certain areas will be dedicated to the National Capital Park and Planning Commission for parks; others are planned for possible additional government building, and possibly for dedication to the Beltsville Research Center.)

The undeveloped land in the sale boundaries includes most of that which could be converted to residential or commercial use.

As shown on the map, the property offered for sale lies within the following boundaries: on the west, Edmonston Road; on the south, by Southway from Edmonston Road to Glendale Road to the proposed Washington-Baltimore express highway; on the east, by the Washington-Baltimore express highway; and on the north, by the northern limit of Greenbelt.

HOW TO QUALIFY

Two months from today, on August 7, PHA will close the period during which a group can apply for preference in purchasing. Qualifications for preference include provisions that the membership must be large enough to purchase and occupy at least 800 units, and that at least 400 members must be veterans. (The latter stipulation complies with the definition of "veteran" group as given in Public Law 65.) Within the two-month period of reservation, a qualifying group must supply some evidence that at least 800 of its members "will be able and willing to make a down payment of 10 percent of the purchase price of the unit he occupies, or intends to occupy."

The PHA commissioners will enter into negotiations with the group that qualifies otherwise and that demonstrates sufficient financial ability to consummate the purchase. No time limit was given on the length of negotiations.

CUB DENS WILL PLAY DOUBLE-HEADER SAT.

Fred Birdseye, cubmaster of Cub Pack 229, announces a double-header softball game at 10:30 Saturday morning, June 10, at Braden Field. The games will be played by Cub Dens 4 and 10 against 7 and 11; and Dens 2 and 3 against 8 and 9.

Square Dance Friday For Nursery School

Greenbelt's cooperative nursery school will sponsor a community square dance in the community building auditorium Friday night, June 9, at 8:30. Eb 'n Ely, with the Rock Creek Promenaders, will furnish calls and music, and will demonstrate the steps for dancers. Refreshments will be served in the social room. For information or tickets, call Diana Kramer, chairman, at 6232. Teen-agers can get tickets for a full square of four couples by purchasing seven as a group.

The nursery will picnic at the Greenbelt lake at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 17. Families of nursery-schoolers, past, present or future, are cordially invited to bring down their picnic suppers and join in. Beverages will be sold at the lake for the nursery's benefit.

However, if more than one group qualifies, the city will go to the qualifying group making the highest bid.

On the sale price of \$8,522,350, terms of sale include a 10 percent down payment, the balance on mortgage at not less than 4 percent interest for a term of not more than twenty-five years.

ESTIMATED BREAKDOWN

PHA did not break down its price into residential - commercial - land components, and has not yet released the detailed appraisal on which the total sales figure was supposedly based. Until such figures are available, any figures for individual housing units lie in the realm of conjecture, since the separate parts of the whole community are of varying construction and value.

A stab can be taken at estimating, although the results will need liberality of interpretation, allowing wide margins on either side for adjustment. At any rate, the decision as to individual house prices will be decided by the purchaser.

The undeveloped land, together with the commercial facilities, might logically be valued at \$1,000,000. Of the seven and a half million left, a fair division between the 1000 war units and the 85 original units might be \$3,000,000 for the war homes, \$4,500,000 for the others. An average is thereby reached of \$3000 for the war homes, and a little over \$5000 for the original homes.

Further conjecture as to unit price breakdown must take into account the makeup of the city: There are, in the war housing section, 148 1-bedroom apartments, 602 2-bedroom houses, and 250 3-bedroom houses. In the original section there are 84 1-room apartments, 222 1-bedroom apartments, 16 1-bedroom houses (honeymoon bungalows); 243 2-bedroom houses, and 320 3-bedroom houses.

OTHER QUESTIONS

Information which PHA will require of a group applying for preferential designation includes the group's organizational structure; the identity of its membership, and the membership's rights and obligations; provisions assuring present tenants of equal opportunity to become members; information on stocks, funds, securities; and compensation to be paid anyone hired for organizing, negotiating, and financing, and the basis upon which such compensation is computed.

Protection for those residents who are unable or unwilling to buy was indicated in the statement that "prior to the closing of sale" PHA will offer the tenants 12-month leases, which the purchaser will agree to honor as part of the sales contract. Other leases which the purchaser must honor are those presently existing with commercial facilities.

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1. To report Greenbelt news fully, fairly and accurately.
2. To serve the best interests of the cooperative movement.

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To the Editor

COOPERATION

We have read with interest James Ott's letter to the Cooperator last week regarding the recent GCS flyer. We feel that Jim had a point and that no doubt it appeared that GCS was implying it operated the swimming pool.

GCS, however, has been cooperating for several years with the Recreation Department, helping to advertise the pool. The copy which appeared on the flyer regarding the swimming pool was supplied in toto by the City Recreation Department. There was no intent on our part, as Jim thought, to be doing a bit of exploiting by GCS.

We are glad to be able to, and want to continue to, cooperate with the Recreation people.

Samuel F. Ashelman, Jr.
General Manager

ENJOYMENT

Mrs. Lydal Palmer's recital Sunday afternoon was sensational, and was enjoyed by all present. Her pupils sang with the greatest of ease and the quality and tone with which all the students sang was most inspiring. I have been told that some of her pupils have been studying with her for only a few months. To me they sounded like professionals.

Mrs. Palmer must be a very remarkable teacher to acquire such results. Don't miss the next recital in the fall—I am sure you will enjoy every minute of it, as I did this one!

A. Mayo

APPRECIATION

I want to thank all my many friends for their kindness during my recent illness.

Mrs. Fred Birdseye

THANKS

I wish to thank all the parents who gave cash donations and baked goods to the PTA bake sale June 2. The sale was sponsored by the home-room mothers of the center school, and was very successful. Net profit to date is \$91.33. I also want to thank the home-room mothers and substitutes for their time and hard work which make the sale possible.

Mrs. Elaine Gardner
Chairman, Home Room Mothers

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High School Ends Term On June 15

Last day of school for Greenbelt High School is June 16. Classes will be dismissed sometime around 10 o'clock that morning.

Members of the Greenbelt High school patrol and the Student Council attended the Washington-Detroit ball game as a reward for faithful service rendered the school this year. Tickets for the ball game were purchased jointly by the high school and the boys. Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington team, gave the boys a reduction in price for a group block of tickets. Mr. Perazzoli, patrol sponsor for the school and Mr. Messner, student council sponsor, accompanied the group to the ball game.

Members of the Junior High School Choral Group of the Greenbelt High School, accompanied by Miss Kefauver, will sing over radio station WGAY, Thursday, June 8 at 12:15.

Register Next Week For Fall Elections

June 12-19 has been proclaimed by Governor William Preston Lane, Jr., as "Maryland Registration Week." Many election supervisors are providing extra registration days so that all who are eligible may register. Greenbelt residents may register for the fall primary and November elections on June 13 at the firehouse, from 1 to 7 p.m.

Requirements are 21 years of age, resident of Maryland for a year before the election date and Prince Georges county for six months. Young people twenty years old who will reach their twenty-first birthday before election time may register now to vote in the primaries, as may those newcomers who have lived in Greenbelt since last October. Clerks have pointed out the importance of declaring a party affiliation so that the voter may be eligible to cast a ballot in the primaries, which he may not do if he registers himself as independent and unaffiliated.

Other Greenbelters who have FM sets are urged to invite their friends and neighbors to join them in listening to the program.

First Church Service Will Be Aired Sunday

Reverend Eric T. Braund of the Greenbelt Community Church announces that the dedication service for the new church held at 8:45 a.m. last Sunday will be rebroadcast over Station WCFM at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 11. WCFM, Washington's cooperative radio station, is located at 99.6 megacycles on the FM dial.

A number of Greenbelt families are extending an open invitation to any Greenbelters to come to their homes to hear the program. Hosts for the radio gatherings include the following: Rev. and Mrs. Eric T. Braund, 7 Forestway; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Miller, 9-J Ridge; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Volckhausen, 4 Forestway; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowman, 14-Z-3 Laurel Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Neff, 3-D Ridge.

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Holy Name Society Plans Annual Rite

The Holy Name Society of St. Hugh's Parish will hold its third annual Communion breakfast on Sunday, June 11, immediately following the 7:30 a.m. Mass, at which members will receive Holy Communion together.

The breakfast will be held at the Varsity Grill in College Park, with Father Joseph E. Gedra, Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church Washington, as guest speaker. Father Gedra, who is also diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, will speak on "The Parent-Educator."

Reservations may be made by calling any of the officers of the Sodality.

Latter Day Saints Plan Picnic June 10

A family picnic will be held at the Greenbelt Lake on June 10 by the local unit of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Food for lunch and supper and snacks all afternoon will be available, and the public is invited. Softball and other games are scheduled. Proceeds of the picnic will be employed in the local group's cash assessment for the welfare plan of their church, which cares for all needy members.

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Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, Jr.

Phone: 8241

Rev. Eric T. Braund

Phone: 5001

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Thursday, June 8 - 7 p.m., Junior choir rehearsal (5th and 6th grade boys and girls). 8 p.m., Cloister choir (junior high girls).

Sunday, June 11 - 8:45 a.m. and

11 a.m., Identical church services

and Sunday School sessions for the

nursery, beginners, and primary

departments at the new church.

Rabbi Morris Sandhaus will preach

at the 8:45 service and Dr. Frederick E. Reissig of the Washington Federation of Churches at the

11 a.m. service. 9:30 a.m., the

junior, intermediate, senior, and

adult departments will meet at the

Center school (North End students

will meet at 8:45 or 11 at the

church, with their respective de-

partments.) 8 p.m., Board of

Deacons meeting in the church of-

ice.

Monday, June 12 - 8:15 p.m., Even-

ning Guild will meet at the

home of Mrs. Eric A. Braund, 7

Forestway.

Tuesday, June 13 - 7 p.m., High

school and college choir rehearsal.

Wednesday, June 14 - 8:15 p.m.,

senior choir rehearsal.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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p.m. for children, 7:30 to 9:30 for

adults.

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and 11 a.m. This Sunday is Holy

Communion Sunday for the Holy

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followed by their third annual

Communion breakfast.

Wednesday: Novena services,

7:45 p.m. Baptisms: 1 p.m. on

Sunday.

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To Veteran Groups Only

Notice is hereby given that the Public Housing Commissioner will, until

5 P.M. Monday, August 7, 1950

reserve that portion of the Government housing project at

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situated in Prince George's County, Maryland, which consists of certain property within an area bounded on the west by Edmonston Road, on the south by Southway from Edmonston Road to Glendale Road and along Glendale Road to the Washington-Baltimore Express Highway, on the east by the Washington-Baltimore Express Highway and on the north by the northern limit of Greenbelt, to permit the negotiation of a sale of said property at the fixed price of \$8,522,350 to a

VETERANS' GROUP

organized on a non-profit basis, as provided in Public Law 65, 81st Congress, approved May 19, 1949. Any group considering itself entitled to a preference as provided in said law and desiring to purchase such property should apply to the Public Housing Administration on or before said date and furnish with its application to purchase, a complete statement on the basis of which preference is claimed, and a detailed plan of the proposed method of financing, development and operation of the properties.

Such information must include:

The organizational structure of the group,

The identity of its membership,

The rights and obligations of membership therein,

and provisions assuring present tenants of an equal opportunity to become members.

The amount, kinds, and preference, if any, of stock,

funds or securities proposed to be issued.

The manner of marketing the same, the limitation as to the holding thereof.

The compensation, if any, to be paid, and the persons

to whom payment is to be made for organizing, ne-

gotiating and financing purposes, and the basis upon

which such compensation is computed.

In demonstrating to the Commissioner its responsi-

bility, the prospective purchaser group, at the end of

the offering period, must have a membership of suf-

cient size so that at least 800 of the units in the

project can be occupied by members; the membership

shall consist of veterans as defined in Public Law 65

and may include non-veteran occupants but must in-

clude not less than 400 veterans. The group must

furnish evidence that at least the required number of

its members will be able and willing to make a down payment of 10 per cent of the purchase price of the unit he occupies, or intends to occupy.

Should an application be received which, in the opinion of the Public Housing Commissioner, is from a group entitled to preference under the Act, and should the group demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that it has sufficient financial resources so as to indicate a probable ability to consummate the purchase of the property, the Commissioner will enter into negotiations with such group for the purchase of the property.

In the event more than one group, in the opinion of the Commissioner, is qualified as above stated, sealed bids from such qualified preference groups will be required and the award will be made on the basis of the highest acceptable monetary return to the Government, in accordance with the requirements of the statute.

Negotiations will not be had with or bids accepted from any group which has not applied for the property and qualified as to preference rights and financial responsibility as above provided for on or before August 7, 1950.</p

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6-Team Softball League Starts Season Tomorrow

The Greenbelt Athletic Club's softball league will begin its twelfth season tomorrow night, June 9, with a single game between the teams of the Community and Catholic Churches. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

FOX TALES

By Sam Fox

Music: The North End school music pageant was a great success and Mrs. Lyman Woodman deserves a lot of credit for a wonderful job. There were over 200 mothers from the school watching their children sing and dance. The Recreation Department hopes to sponsor a Glee Club throughout the summer program as during the school session. **Swimming Registration:** All who wish to register for the August swimming classes must register by June 12, as we will have to close registration in order that we may get the list posted and the children screened for their classes. We hope you will cooperate with the Department.

Softball Schedule at Braden Field: The following games will be played at night on the following dates: Thursday, June 8 - Mt. Rainier vs Nelson Studebaker; Banning-Sheehy vs Annandale. Saturday, June 10 Andrews Field vs Nelson Studebaker; Mt. Rainier vs Thrifty. Tuesday, June 13 - Soldiers Home vs Annandale and Andrews Field vs Banning-Sheehy. Come out and cheer your favorite team to victory. **Baseball Team:** The baseball team had a lot of success in winning three games out of four and looks as though they will continue to win. Their next home game is June 11 against Mt. Rainier at 2:30 p.m. They play at home every other Sunday. Cheer the Shamrocks to a championship. They have the team and need your support.

The league this year is composed of six teams, three made up of members of the Athletic Club, and one each from the Catholic Church, the Community Church, and employees of Consumer Services. The teams will play 20 games each during the season, 4 rounds, with a playoff for championship and trophy by the winners of each half. First half of the season ends Friday, July 21.

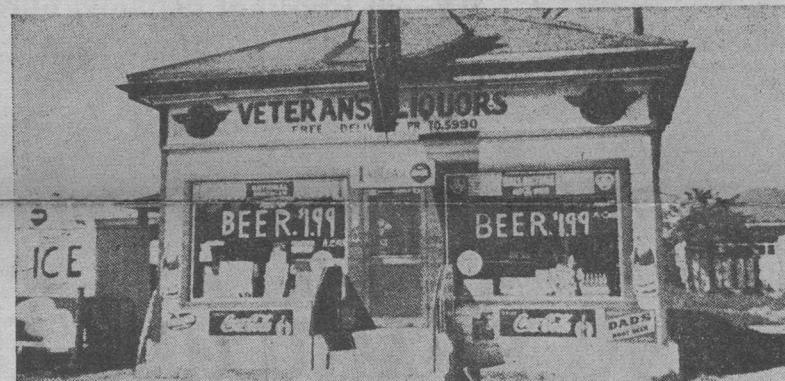
Playing days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with two games each evening; first game beginning at 7:30 and the second at 9:15. Men interested in playing should call Tom Shipp, 7666; George Bauer, 4931; or Blake Palmer, 5201.

The public is invited to attend all games.

Nelson Studes Defeat Soldiers Home, 13-1

Greenbelt's softball team under the name of Nelson Studebakers, defeated Soldiers Home by the score of 13 to 1. Hugh Rowell, the winning pitcher, only gave up 4 hits and pitched an excellent game. Hitters were William Haus and Harry Benefiel with 3 hits apiece. The Mt. Rainier team defeated Andrews Field by a score of 7 to 2 to complete the double-header for the night.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday a double-header of softball will be played at Greenbelt's Braden Field.



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St. Hugh's Closes Friday With Program

A patriotic assembly and benediction will mark the closing day of St. Hugh's School on Friday, June 9, at 10 a.m. The assembly will include a program of music and recitations, and will be preceded by distribution of final report cards to the children. Parents are cordially invited.

Order of the program is as follows: Salute to the Cross, the Assembly; "Come Holy Ghost," the assembly; "A Salute to the Flag," the assembly; a reading, "The Origin of Flag Day," by Judith Loftus, grade 4; "God Bless America," by the assembly; a choral reading, "A Toast to the Flag," all grades; "America the Beautiful," by the assembly; Stephen Foster selections, accompanied by Judith Holland and Jean Bussan, grades 3 and 4; a reading, "The Story of the First Flag," Robert Denevan; "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," the assembly.

Following the program, the Reverend Victor J. Dowgiallo will present awards to the children. The program will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sale Offer Recalls City's Early Days

By Miriam G. Johnson

Greenbelt's coming conversion to private ownership brings to mind events of even "Green"-er town time. Old Cooperator files (tediously mimeographed!) divulge some humorous, some unpleasant growing pains of the days when Greenbelt was brand-new.

In October 1937, Julian M. Ashley and family, Greenbelt's first residents, moved into 1-G Gardenway. Roy S. Braden, first town manager, was the second to settle in Greenbelt, at 1-F Gardenway. He, by the way, once was hard-put to identify himself to guards to gain admittance to "his" town!

Sandra Lee Reamy, first babe to be christened in Greenbelt, had to have an imported minister officiate in the person of Rev. Tippy who came all the way from Washington for the Christmas eve, 1937 occasion.

A spicy note by one fictitiously signing herself as "Sally Rand" disclosed she was a former cliff-dweller, unused to hanging personal wash outside. Her timid epistle inquired if she would ever become "hardened to this intimate display." A much later issue mentions this letter's reprinting in many distant publications. Speak up, S.R., how are those inhibitions after 13 years of communal intimacy?

Among many more dignified occasions of public recognition of Greenbelt was the impromptu visit of the President's altruistic wife, Eleanor Roosevelt. Two hours of research (including an unplanned house visit) into the habits of the genus Greenbelter resulted in a full, nationally-syndicated "My Day" column.

In June 1937, the Maryland State Legislature authorized the incorporation of Greenbelt and its environs into a chartered town.

Greenbelt had a hospital of 9 beds and 3 bassinets from May 12, 1939, its date of dedication, until May 1942, when the Federal Security Administration refused to permit funds in lieu of taxes for upkeep of the hospital. Residents voted down a proposal that each family pay \$12 annually for the hospital.

Maryland Governor Harry W. Nice's letter in the June, 1938 Cooperator said of the Greenbelt school: "They are vitalizing the educational process by integrating their knowledge of reading, writing, arithmetic, science, geography, spelling with the everyday business of living. What is being done in Greenbelt in this respect at least, I am confident will have an especial value in any consideration of educational mechanisms in Maryland."

On the Town Council, he remarked: "I must say that such non-partisan town government impresses me as a symbol of progress in town and city administration. I shall watch its development and regard its progress with sympathetic interest."

BENEFIT BARN DANCE TO AID RESCUE SQUAD

The barn dance scheduled for Saturday, June 10, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 136 for the purchase of the respirator for the Rescue Squad, will begin at 9:30 and last until 1 o'clock. Members of the Auxiliary invite all Greenbelters to turn out to make the dance a success.

Personal Touch

There's a new wrinkle to the game of baseball. It's about time it had an improvement...if this can be called an improvement. It's being played on donkey-back. All the players are on donkeys except the pitcher and catcher, and each player is carried by the donkeys to each base. There's a game of it being played June 16 at 8 p.m. between the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department vs. the Ladies Auxiliary of Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department for its benefit. The ball diamond is in Beltsville in back of the Behnke nursery. Should be VERY interesting.

George Harmon, 8-K Plateau place, is now "Doctor" with a Ph.D. degree in chemical engineering from University of Maryland... Irvin M. Miller, 11-J Parkway, is receiving a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the same college... Joe Vella, 6-B Hillside, received his degree of Associate of Public Administration at outdoor commencement exercises at American University last Sunday. His wife Jo and two boys, Gregory and Alex attended the buffet dinner in honor of the graduates and they thought their daddy looked very handsome in his cap and gown... James Taylor McCarl, son of Dr. and Mrs. James W. McCarl of 9 Forestway, received the B.A. degree from the School of Religion at Bob Jones University. Mrs. Sally Brandon, 10-K Plateau place, had an appendectomy performed Saturday and is fit as a fiddle.

Mrs. Betty Miller's mother Mrs. S. H. Westwood, is visiting her at 8-G Plateau. She hails from Atlanta, Georgia and will be here several weeks.

Mrs. Ferman A. Trudeau, 10-L Plateau, gave birth to a 9 lb. 8 oz. boy last week. Can you top this?

George Glauberman, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Glauberman, formerly of the North End of town, was selected to appear on the Quiz Kids' Program last Sunday. The Glaubermans now make their home in Richmond Hill, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, 45-L Ridge, held a reception at their home for Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Hawk, 45-T Ridge, who are leaving for Paris June 9 where they will live for two years. Mr. Hawk is employed by the Economic Cooperation Administration. There were 100 guests present... Mrs. Henley Goode, 23-P Ridge, gave a "carry-in" supper for Mrs. Hawk on Monday night. Present were sixteen ladies who played cards. They gave Mrs. Hawk a travelogue book for her trip abroad... the Woman's Club gave here a lace table cloth and the Afternoon Guild of Community Church plastic traveling cases to keep her lingerie in order.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grace, 4-G Hillside, gave a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Book, 51-F Ridge. Mr. Grace is being transferred to Arkansas with the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Provost and their three children of 26-F Ridge left by car for Oklahoma and Texas. They will be gone for two months on a trip that combines business and pleasure... Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Mead, 58-E Crescent, and their four children are leaving Sunday for a vacation jaunt to Florida.

Mrs. Harold Rosenblatt with her daughter Ilene, of Denver, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Janet Parker, 45-J Ridge this week. She hopes to meet all her old friends at the Eb 'n' Ely Square dance this Friday night at the community center.

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The Greenbelt elementary schools will close on Thursday, June 15, for the summer vacation.

Teenagers Redecorate Drop Inn For Season

Several teenagers were busy at work Saturday morning, May 27, spring cleaning and face-lifting the canteen. To the tunes from the jukebox, windows were washed, floors were washed, draperies cleaned and aired, furniture washed, and walls dusted. The grass was cut around the Drop-Inn and the bushes trimmed, but as is the case in any house, spring cleaning isn't finished in one day, so another Saturday will be appointed to continue the work.

The main project at the teenage center now is redecorating the snack bar, which is at the present undergoing a fresh paint job. The color scheme is being changed and a few talented teenagers are going to brighten the walls with paintings and quotations in keeping with a snack bar.

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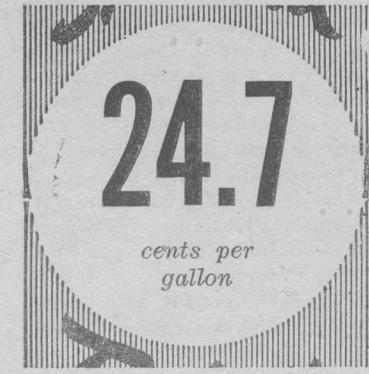
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